

To whom it may concern,
This seems like a complete non-issue, but evidently there are those in the National Association of Broadcasters who feel that local content should be kept off of satellite radio. How can this be any different from The Weather Channel broadcasting local weather reports to cable television subscribers while local networks vie for the same viewers attention? Why are home shopping networks permitted to sell goods to us by calling a 1-800 number when we could go to our local mall and pick up the same items?

Let's even go beyond the First Amendment argument for a moment. Would the NAB rather us sit and wait for the traffic and weather "at the top of the hour" than have immediate access to what could be critical information. Is it more important that we hear this information when the radio broadcasters get around to reporting it or at our convenience, and before driving into a hazardous traffic condition or taking our families out into a severe weather situation? All satellite radio subscribers pay to enjoy the service that is provided to them. And we pay willingly because we demand better programming, better variety and better service. And it is our constitutional right to hear the programming we want to hear, when and how we want to hear it. I strongly oppose petition 04-160 and am confident that our government will do the right thing in the interest of the rights and freedoms of the American people.

If the NAB wants us to listen exclusively to their broadcasts, it's time to improve those broadcasts.